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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE Suite #110 Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: Notice of *ExParte* Presentation:

- Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket: #96-45
- Petition of US LEC Corp. For Declaratory Ruling Regarding LEC Access Charges For CMRS Traffic, CC Docket: # 01-92

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On Behalf of Fred Williamson & Associates, Inc., I hereby confirm that on Monday, August 25, 2003 representatives of Fred Williamson & Associates, Inc. (FW&A, Inc.) Mr. Paul Cooper (Director of Operations), Mr. Bill McBride (Vice President) and I, as well as Mr. Mark Gailey (President and General Manager, Totah Telephone Company, Inc.) and Mr. Carl Krehbiel (President, Moundridge Telephone Company Inc.) met with the following members of the Federal Communications Commission staff:

Mr. William Maher – Wireline Competition Bureau – Division Chief

Ms. Carol Mattey – WCB – Deputy Division Chief

Mr. Eric Einhorn - Telecommunications Access Policy Division - Division Chief

Mr. Paul Garnett - TAPD - Acting Assistant Chief

Ms. Narda Jones - Legal Counsel to the Division Chief

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information regarding several issues of concern that affect rural telephone companies in the above-captioned proceedings.

In accordance with FCC rules, this letter and its attachments are being filed electronically in the docket identified above.

Sincerely,

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